



TOP PTA COUNCIL OFFICERS . . . Leading the Torrance Council PTA during the following year will be these officers (left to right): Mmes. W. W. Poser, fourth vice president; W. E. Inman, third vice president; Robert Payne, second vice president; Kenneth McVey, first vice president, and D. D. Tuggle, president.



TIME TO EAT . . . Chef Milani is directed by Sister Sheila to ring barbecue dinner bell at the annual fiesta-carnival under way today at the St. Mary's Academy, Crenshaw and Slauson. Student in the picture is Dorothy McGowen. George McNeil of Torrance, member of the sponsoring Dads' Club at St. Mary's, is the project coordinator for the event which is open to the public.



ROMANCE OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS . . . where the Regional Business and Professional Women's Club convention will be staged in June is holding a special attraction for these Torrance B&PW members who will be attending. Looking at brochures are (from left) Bess Tufts, Tessa Burke (standing), and Jean Davis. These members are among a number from Torrance attending the state convention in Los Angeles this week end where today a fashion show featuring appropriate apparel for Hawaii is taking place in the Coconut Grove in the Ambassador.

### Greenthumber Garden Club Show Winners Are Listed

Several hundred visitors were thrilled with the colorful spectacle of flowers displayed at the annual Greenthumber Garden Club's Flower Show staged last week end. Fuchsia plants were given to the visiting mothers on Mother's Day and other door prizes were awarded on the half hour throughout the show. The grand prize, a brazer was awarded Mrs. Peter Boonstra, member of the Garden Section of the Torrance Woman's club. Three judges awarded ribbons and trophies to the following: RIBBONS: CLASS I: Section A—(Miniatures to 2 inches): First, Virginia Lindsey; second, Betty Fitzgerald.; Section B—(Miniatures to 5 inches): First, Doris Rado; second, Virginia Lindsey; Section C—(Vases): First, Doris Rado; second, Mrs. Victor Benstead. Section D—(Low bowls): First, Mrs. Victor Benstead; second, Mrs. Louis Wilhelm; third, Mrs. John Klug; Section E—(One variety of flowers any foliage): First, Virginia Lindsey; second, Mrs. J. Carrievau; third, Mrs. Louise Wilhelm. Section G—(Arrangements with rock, wood, or figurines): First, Mrs. L. Eggert; second, Mrs. Bernice Hrenary; Section I—(Line arrangements): First, Virginia Lindsey; second, Mrs. Kenneth Moe; Section J—(Arrangements by men): First, Mr. Kenneth Moe; Section O—(Corsages): First, Doris Rado. CLASS II: Section B—(Perrenials): First, Mrs. John Klug. CLASS III—CLUB ENTRIES: Section D—(Low bowls): First, Torrance Terrace Garden Club. CLASS IV: Section A—(African violets): First, Lillian Dunhouse; second, Mrs. John Fitzgerald; third, Mrs. Bradley Young; Section A-2—(Collections): First, Mrs. Nancy Gordon; Section E—(Miscellaneous): First, Mrs. Bradley Young. CLASS V: Section A—(Dish Gardens): First, Mrs. Bradley Young; Section E—First, Mrs. Bradley Young. Mrs. J. R. Allison, who sang, "When Children Pray," "Pizicato Polka," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic. This group comprised of singers from several schools is under the direction of Mrs. J. N. Oswell and accompanied by Mrs. W. A. Herrmann.



COUNCIL PTA AIDES . . . Assigned important posts in the city's Parent-Teacher Assn. for the coming year were the following officers (left to right): Mmes. William Crooker, auditor; B. G. Byrum, historian; Henry Fink, treasurer; C. F. Malone, corresponding secretary; O. O. Clayton, recording secretary; V. P. Terry, financial secretary, and Glen Grimsley, parliamentarian.

### Torrance PTA Council Reviews Year; Installs Officers for Year Ahead

Torrance Council PTA held its annual May brunch at the American Legion Hall Tuesday with an audience of 450 in attendance. Included in this list of guests were the parent-teacher executive boards of the 21 associations, as well as the principal and vice-principals of the schools. President, Mrs. Francis Stoeckle called the meeting to order and Citizen Chairman, Mrs. Marvin Sims introduced the Den Mothers of Troop 761-C who led the pledge of allegiance and posted the colors. These ten uniformed members of the Cub troop were led by president of the Mothers Club, Mrs. J. Carlson and Mrs. H. Ford. Rev. Monrad Bergeson of Hope Evangelical United Brethren Church gave the invocation and soloist Larry Meyers sang "How Great Thou Art" with Mrs. Monrad Bergeson at the piano. Incoming president, Mrs. D. D. Tuggle, gave a report on the State Convention held this past week at Long Beach, reiterating the ever-increasing need for good teachers. The accomplishments of the year were given by Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, historian who stated that the PTA membership was now over the 13,000 mark and that four new associations will have been organized this year making Torrance Council have 22 associations. The centerpieces of each table were made for competition by the various associations depicting the theme, "Strengthening our Home, School, Church and Community—The American Way." Perry PTA won first with a school yard scene to the minute detail with Flavian PTA second depicting the fourway theme and Torrance Elementary third with theme carried out in red, white and blue. The first Torrance Council PTA Scholarship awards were made by Chairman Mrs. William Crooker to Mary Yoshioka of Torrance High and Ikuko Kato of North High. President Francis Stoeckle presented to incoming Council president Mrs. D. D. Tuggle a president pin and gavel. Mrs. C. F. Malone presented Mrs. Stoeckle the traditional past presidents' pin. Miss Margaret Shidler played Rachmaninoff Prelude in C Sharp Minor and Mrs. Dorothy Tunis of Hampton Players gave a bit of child behavior answers in the Child From One to Forty. Mrs. Leonard Hummel installed the 1957-58 officers in an impressive ceremony. Mothersingers were introduced by program chairman.

### CATHOLIC GIRLS HOLD ELECTION

Election of officers for the Court St. Catherine, No. 1378, Catholic Daughters of America, was held recently at the Nativity parish hall. Officers for the coming year will be; grand regent, Mrs. Don Cowden; vice regent, Mrs. Gerald Loew; prophetess, Mrs. Gerald Revell; financial secretary, Mrs. Dennis Flacey; treasurer, Mrs. Robert O'Brien; historian, Mrs. Robert Wilson; monitor, Mrs. Don Bryant; lecturer, Mrs. A. J. Baker; sentinel, Mrs. John Brislin, and organist, Mrs. John Murray. Trustees will be for the three-year term: Mrs. Joseph Terkman, junior past grand regent, and Mrs. James Fornelli. Installation of officers will

### PRE-DANCE PARTY

A gay preliminary to the Torrance American Little League dance Saturday night, was the cocktail party given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roettger, 23043 Doris Way. Cocktails and canapes were served to Messrs. and Mmes. Ambrose Palica, Don Gerard, Howard Rollins, David Daniels, Robert Wilson, Pierce Venable, Frederick Buxton, Walter Falter and Leonard Gomez. The group went on to the Riviera Beach Club for the first American Little League of the season. be held June 10. Refreshments were served by Mrs. John Gitschier and her committee after the meeting.

### SEE 'RAMONA'

A trip to Hemet last Sunday where they attended the Ramona pageant celebrated Mother's Day and the birthday of Mrs. Thomas F. McNeil. The group enjoyed a picnic in the Hemet park before attending the pageant. Making the trip were Mr. and Mrs. McNeil, Jerry Doyle, Maurine O'Hara, and Jolene Adams.

### CLASS REUNION

The winter graduating class of 1952 of the Banning High school will hold a reunion at 8 p.m., June 22, at the Officers' Club at Ft. MacArthur. Class members wishing to attend are asked to contact any of the committee members Mmes. Alice Wingard, Barbara Fidler, Mary Pennington or Alfred Pacheco.

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